

PUBLIC (MILITARY)

(195⁴⁸) Department

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. No. 1408

Dated 9th June, 1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

MILITARY - CAMPS AND BUILDINGS - TADEPALLIGUDEM AIRFIELD AND
CAMP - OCCUPATION BY SPECIAL ARMED POLICE & PAPERS - RECORDED.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Public (Military) Department.
Express Letter No.5204/47-1

From RESONABILI.
To DEFYNDIA, NEW DELHI.

Dated Fort St. George, the 26th Nov.1947.

Military - Taddepalligudem Aerodrome and buildings, West Godavari District - Use for stationing special police force.

I am directed to state that the Madras Government have made arrangements for the immediate recruitment of four special armed units of the police force for internal Security purposes.

The question of finding accommodation for training those units is one of immediate urgency. It has been suggested that the Aerodrome & buildings at Taddepalligudem, West Godavari district which are under the charge of the Garrison Engineer, R.I.M. & R.I.A.R. may be taken over for the training of one of those Armed Units. This Government had previously asked Hq. Madras Sub-Area to place those buildings at our disposal for accommodating refugees from Hyderabad and they had agreed to it. They have, however, now stated that instructions have been received from the Government of India not to place any air fields at the disposal of the Civil Authorities. This Government find that after some repairs, the above aerodrome and buildings are ideally suited for stationing the special armed force while refugees from Hyderabad could be sent to Gannavaram in Kistna District. As the buildings are required now for purposes of internal security, the Government of Madras consider that the highest priority should be given to this requirement and trust that the Government of India will be so good as to reconsider their decision regarding air-fields and agree to hand over the aerodrome and buildings at Taddepalligudem to this Government. I am to request that the sanction of the Government of India may kindly be obtained and communicated to this Government immediately.

Your obedient servant,

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

Copy to the G.O.C., Hq., Madras Area.
Copy to the Commander, Hq., Madras Sub-Area, Fort St. George.
Copy to the Assistant Director, Lands & Hirings, Madras.
Copy to the District Magistrates of W.Godavari and Kistna who are informed that refugees should be accommodated at Gannavaram and not at Taddepalligudem.
To the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Rlys. & C.I.D., Madras.
Copy to the Home Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Public (Military) Department.
No.5204/47-2.

From
R. Prasad Esq., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the
The General Officer, Commanding,
Hq. Madras Area, MADRAS-4.

Dated Fort St.George, the 26th Nov.1947.

P.T.O.

Sub: Military - Red Hills Camp - Accommodation for Special Police Unit.

I am directed to state that this Government have under consideration the question of finding accommodation for the training of four Armed Units of the Special Police which are being raised for internal security purposes. They consider that the Red Hills Camp (R.A.F.503 J.O.B.) which the Military Authorities have already kindly agreed to place at the disposal of this Government for accommodating refugees from Pakistan. It is suitable for accommodating a Unit of the Special Police. In view of the extreme urgency of finding accommodation for these Units, they propose to station one of the new Units at the Red Hills Camp (R.A.F.503-J.B.B) for training. The Madras Government presume that the Military authorities will have no objection to this course.

Your obedient servant,

sd. R.Prasad.

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Copy to Sub-Area, Commander, HQ., Madras Sub-Area, Fort St. George.

Copy to Deputy Inspector General, Railways & C.I.D.

Copy to Home Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Public (Military) Department.

POST COPY OF TELEGRAM.

From - The Hon'ble Premier, Madras.

To --The Hon'ble Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister,
Government of India, NEW DELHI.

DATED- Fort St. George, the 17th December, 1947.

5204/47-5, Local Military Authorities had agreed to place Red Hills Camp at disposal of this Government for accommodating refugees from Pakistan stop. Later on this Government wished to take over the camp for training a unit of special police being raised for (purposes of) internal security. Stop Lands and Hirings here now say that higher sanction is necessary to hand over the camp stop. Defence Department (were) addressed about this in Immediate Telegram No. 5206/47-1, dated 5th December and reminded telegraphically on 10th December but no reply received so far. STOP. Recruits are ready and have to be accommodated in camp to-morrow. Stop. As matter is most emergent request immediate sanction be communicated to local Lands & Hirings to permit occupation by special Police. Stop. This Government are taking over camp in anticipation of sanction by Government of India. Stop. Grateful for immediate action.

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PREMIER.

No.10/3/L/C&L/48/242.
Government of India
Ministry of Defence.

NEW DELHI, the 13th January 1948.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Military) Department, MADRAS.

Tadepalligudem-- transfer of the air-field to the
Provincial Government.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with this Ministry letter No.5581/1/ORG.1/A.F., dated the 23rd December I am directed to say that the Government of India have no objection to transfer the airfield at Tadepalligudem, with the buildings standing thereon, to the Government of Madras, for the training of the Special armed units of the police force for internal security purposes, provided the Provincial Government are willing to pay the full market value for the land and buildings.

2. If, as appears, the property is immediately required by the Provincial Government, I am to request that necessary arrangements may be made to take over possession of the land and buildings from the ~~Military~~ ^{military} Estates Officer, Madras Circle, Wellington.

3. The Military Estates Officer, is being directed to ascertain in consultation with the local civil military authorities, the present market value of the airfield and the buildings thereon. This will be communicated to you in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(sd) RACHPAL SINGH.

Director, Military Lands & Cantonments

Copy forwarded to:-

The Air Headquarters, India (ORG.1)
The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command
The Deputy Director, Military Lands & Cantonments, Southern Command.

The Military Estates Officer, Madras Circle, Wellington.

Please hand over possession of the airfield in question to the Provincial Government and furnish the following information and documents to this Ministry at an early date:-

- (a) the area of the lands;
- (b) the market value of the land and buildings;
- (c) the site plan, and
- (d) an extract from the M.L.R.

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No.780/D.8/48.

Government of India,
Ministry of Defence (LH&D).

New Delhi, the 6th March, 1948.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Military) Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Subject:-RED HILLS CAMP - OCCUPATION BY SPECIAL ARMED UNIT.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence resting with your letter No.5202/47-11, dated 29th January 1948, I am directed to say that the Local Military Authorities have been asked to hand over the camp temporarily to the provincial Government pending the final decision Inter & regarding the possibility of its permanent transfer.

I am sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd. (R.N.Vausdeva)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Public (Military) Department.

Pages 50 and 52 c.f. above are submitted for perusal.
The Government of India 's final decision may be awaited.

Sd. x x x,
9-4-48

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NOTE FILE.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

A | This is a file of the Public (Military) Department in which the Government of India were first addressed for the release of the military buildings at Red Hills and Tadepalligudem. As the Special Armed Police Units have already occupied the military buildings in question, Public department propose to close this file. As there is a separate file on the subject pending in this department and as Public Works Department are taking separate action regarding the settlement of the price for the camps, no further action seems called for in this file.

2. With reference to India's letter at page 54 c.f., it may be mentioned that the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, Bezwada, addressed the Hon'ble Premier in the matter of allowing the several officers to be trained in the military camp at Tadepalligudem. As the Inspector General was not in favour of allotting any of the above buildings to the Committee, the Secretary to the Committee was informed in P.W.D. by that none of the buildings in the camp can be spared for the use of the Seva Dal.

3. The file may be returned to Public (Military)

Sd. x x x,
28-5-1948.

PUBLIC (MILITARY) DEPARTMENT

Please see the Home Department's note on pages 21-22 ante. In view of portion 'A' ~~and~~ ~~the~~ on page 22 ante, the file may be closed and the papers recorded in a Ms.G.O. for facility of ~~future~~ reference.

Sd. x x x,
8-5-1948.

G.O.Ms.No.1408, d/9-6-1948.

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airfield and Red Hills Camp - Occupation by Special
Armed Police - Papers - Recorded.

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